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Title: NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION

Assignee: LINDEN TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

This application is a continuation and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC § 120 of U.S. application serial no. 10/341,199, filed January 10, 2003. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

| | <u>Pages</u> |
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| Abstract | 1 |
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| Drawing(s) | 14 |
| Sequence Listing | 8 |

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The prior application is assigned of record to Linden Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on February 27, 2003, at Reel 013792, Frame 0720.

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